



RCEF Grant - Request for Proposal

Round 2

Redwood City Education Foundation (RCEF) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization founded in 1983 by concerned parents and community members in the wake of drastic Prop 13 cuts. Today, our organization strives to keep pace with a vastly different economic climate and has sharpened our mission to improve underserved students' early academic performance.

We aspire to achieve funding equity in our schools, so every student has the same resources and opportunities to thrive. In the long-term, we still intend to provide services and increase resources for all schools in the Redwood City School District. For now, we are intentionally shifting our focus to support schools with large percentages of low-income students who qualify for Free and Reduced-Price Lunch.

The Redwood City Education Foundation seeks proposals from Hoover, Garfield, and Taft Schools for one-time grant funding for the 2022-2023 school year, supported by RCEF. **Please note that this is the second-round of funding offered by RCEF.** Whereas round 2 was for projects in the 2021-2022 school year, this grant is much larger in size and will be disbursed in the 2022-2023 school year.

The intended outcomes of this grant are:

- Improved 3rd-grade reading proficiency
- Improved 6th-grade math proficiency
- development of social-emotional skills
- Improved mental health outcomes
- Lower adult/student ratios
- Improved student engagement
- Reduced attendance/truancy
- Provide essential needs (housing/food/financial security)
- Enhanced community/family engagement

Grant amount:

RCEF will be making one-time grants **not to exceed \$100,000** per project/per school.

Requirements:

Grant applications must be aligned with the grant objectives and demonstrate how they advance those objectives. Grants are only available to Hoover, Garfield, and Taft schools. Grant applications may be submitted by the school/district staff, including Community Schools, the school site council or PTO/PTA, and other external organizations that serve these three schools. **Proposals submitted by entities other than the school principal must receive prior written approval from the principal before submission.**

**Deliverables:**

- Each grantee is to define metrics for successful outcomes and proof points for program advancement. For example, a grant to support a reading program may choose to report on the number of students served, the number of hours students spent in the program, and the reading proficiency of the participating students.
- Each grantee will be required to report back to RCEF's progress towards these metrics in a midyear report due January 31, 2023, as well as an end-of-year report due on June 30, 2023.
- The end-of-year report should also include a narrative reflection on the program, including qualitative observations of the program's success and how the program might be adapted in the future to be more successful.
- RCEF will send reminders about these grant reports one month before they are due.

Proposal Evaluation Criteria:

- Addressing the "intended outcomes" in the list above.
- Impact on underserved students: number of students served, impact per student served, cost-efficiency.
- The ability to measure outcomes and program success (measurability).

Due Date:

An electronic copy of the proposal must be submitted to the Redwood City Education Foundation on or before **October 5, 2021**. You will not be able to save your draft responses in Google Forms, so we suggest copying the questions and writing your proposal in a separate document, then copying and pasting your final answers into the form when you are ready to submit; you will receive a copy of your responses by email.

If you have any questions, reach out to RCEF Associate Manager Florence Ortiz at fortiz@rcef.org or via phone at 650-720-0630.